A Description of the
great Turke his
Court the .1. Day of August .1566. of the
Kyng Castell and Castell of Iula in Hungary.
A region beyond the river Danubium, which now
possessed by the great Turke, but taken by Ces
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of the Turkes ouerthrow.

AFter that the Emperour of Turkie had besieged with an army of thirty thousand horsemē and footemen, the famous town and strog Castel of Jula in Hungary, lying .xl. dutch myles beyōd the ryuer Danubius, which City had by the space of .vj. weekes sustayned many greuous assaultes: God through his great mercy and goodnes so comforted the sayd towne of Jula and the poore Christians therein, at their earnest praiers, that the Turke with all his host was driuen backe, by the handes of the Generall called Ketrelhim Lalla and bys valiant company. Who not onelye defended the sayd Towne, but also constrayned the cruell Turkes to retyre, to their great shame and confusion, & the slaughter of a great number of their Turkish rable. For the which the euerliuyng God be praysed for euer. The manner of their ouerthrow was thys.

As the foresayd Generall Ketrelhim did se his aduauntage, wyth Captayne George and other horsmen of Schellians and Hungary, he set vpon the arereward of the Turkes, and kylled about .8. thousand of them, and tooke also some of their ar-

tillery, and followed them so fast, that the Turkes were constrayned to flee into a marrish grounde, and to breake the wheeles of the rest of their artillery, to saue them selues: which the Christians also tooke, and haue rescued and taken beyde from the Turkes a great nomber of Christiã prisoners, and thereuyth a very ryche bootye.

The like also hath done that valiant man Wagotfrie the Captayne of Erla, the which making toward the Turkes, did encounter with the Tartarians, setting most valiantly vpon them, and killed about eyght hundred of them.

A few dayes past the Earle of Serin did encounter with a Turkish Capitayne called Hegen, the which Capitaine then had with him a thousad fresh horsmen, they comming out of Turkye, to go to a towne called Fruskekyrchen. Which Earle did set vpon them in the night, and killed the Captain, and tooke viii. Camels, and viii. Moyles laden wyth treasure, and got also two coue red Gwydons, wyth a whole great peece of rych cloth of gold, and also a very fayre and straunge Jewel or token of the field. This foresayd Earle dyd sende vnto the Emperours Maiesty to Vienna for a present, the foresayd Captaynes horse, the which was not one and a very fayre one and good, but also betrapped & decked most rychly. For fyrst the pomel & the back part of the saddel was couered ouer with plate of fine Arabick gold, and the rest of the saddel beyde the setting place, was dust wyth syluer plate very

fyre gilded, which sitting place was couered with a fine purple veluet, and ỹ trappers & bridle beset w litle Turkies and Rubies. The Earle would very fayne haue saued the sayd Capitayne, but the turkish Janyssery defended themselues so manfully, thinking to haue carryed away safely their Capitaine, ỹ the said Earle w hys company was constrayned to kyll both them and their Captayne.

Also this valiant Earle of Serin hath got amongest other great prices from the Turkes. xv. thousand Turkish and Hugarish Ducates, which money was brought for the payment of the Turkishe men of warre, which are in the towne called Fynffkyrchen. Thus not onely this said Earle had got to himselfe rich and great prices, but also hys Souldiours haue met with very rich prayes and spoyles.

And now to declare the Mahometical and turkish cruelty of these hellish Turkes, which they vse agaynst the Christians (which cannot be declared without weeping and sorowfulnes of mynde) is this in effect. Where euer they ouercome the Christians and take them captiues, they take the yong and lusty men tying them to their horses & famishe them to death. The old men and women they cut in peeces, deflouring the maydens and young women very villansully. The sely Infants and yong Babes lying in their cradels smyling vpon them, they take out very cruelly and sticke them on long poles and so goze them to death without pitye or

mercy, and this very spitefully they do in the sight of the Infantes Parentes. The residue of them which they keepe alyue being men, they vse as beastes for all kynde of drudgery and toyle, more cruelly entreating them then their brute beastes. To the women and children which they keepe alyue, they vse such Sodomish abhomination and tyrannny, as may not for shame be knowen, nor without harty sorow be declared. Wherefore it behoueth al Christian Princes and good Christians to withstand thys cruel Turckish enemy, & to set to their helpyng handes, such as can to helpe to resist hym with some power of warre: and suche other good Christians as cannot helpe these our Christian brethē (so cruelly assaulted) by this kinde of meanes: yet at least to helpe them with their godly prayers. For if thus he proceede forwarde to take the vpper land, it wyl redound to the great plague and ruine of whole Christendome. Wherefore that thus it may not come to pas, let vs not cease to call vpon our heauenly father, for his mightye defence, who so mercifully hath heard the prayers of his poore afflicted children. And also geue him hartye thankes for this great ouerthrow of thys his Christes and our cruell enemy.

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A Prayer & thankes geuyng, for the defence of the Chri-stians agaynst the cruel Turke.

O Eternal God and most mercyfull father, We geue thee harty thanks for this thy mightye wooꝛking in ouer-thꝛowing that cursed and cruell Turke, the enemy of thy deare sonne Chꝛist Je-sus, and hys deare Chꝛistians, and foꝛ re-lieuing his pooꝛe afflicted members, in deliuering them from his and their bloo-dy handes: Wheꝛefoꝛe (deare father) We beseche thee to continue in this thy mer-ciful defending them, and in ouerthꝛow-ing his tirannical power, that they here-by may wel feele and know, that ther is none other God besides thee & thy sonne Jesus Chꝛist our Sauiour. Pꝛeserue (O Lꝛd) those godlye & Chꝛistian Pꝛinces which venter their liues against this thi enemy, as namely the Emperours Ma-iesty with his two bꝛethꝛen, and all hys whole nobility, geuing them pꝛosperous succes & victoꝛious conquest. Graũt this, O Father foꝛ thy deare sonnes sake Je-sus Chꝛist our Sauiour. So be it.